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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BB

SUBJ: US NAVAL FACILITY IN BARBADOS

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1403

1. AT END OF TWO-HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB YESTERDAY (JUNE 22), MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HENRY FORDE RAISED QUESTION OF US NAVAL FACILITY IN BARBADOS. (OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BEING REPORTED BY MEMCON.) FORDE OBSERVED THAT HE--AND HE BELIEVED HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE CABINET--ACCEPTED THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE FACILITY, PROVIDED MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS COULD BE AGREED UPON. HE ALSO SAID THAT, PENDING CONCLUSION OF NEW AGREEMENT, GOB WAS PREPARED TO EXTEND PRESENT ONE FOR PERIODS OF SIX MONTHS AT A TIME.

2. FORDE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT GOB STILL BELIEVES COMPENSATION IS DUE IT FOR PAST USE OF BASE. BARBADOS HAS MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN DEFENSE AND HAS BEEN LOYAL FRIEND OF US, HE ADDED, AND USG CANNOT SIMPLY DISMISS ITS CLAIM ON BASIS THAT NO ACTION EVER TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT PROMISE MADE IN 1961 TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS.

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3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL READILY RECOGNIZE THAT PRESENT GOB POSITION IS CONSIDERABLY MORE FORTHCOMING THAN POSITION STATED BY FORDE IN CONVERSATION WITH US NEGOTIATING TEAM LEADER HEAVNER ON MAY 13.

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